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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REPORTS TURKISH PRIME MINISTER WARY OF
GREEK-EC ASSOCIATION

1. MOST GREEK NEWSPAPERS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, CARRIED A REPORT (BASED ON A REUTER DISPATCH FROM ANKARA) QUOTING PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AS STATING THAT GREECE'S BID FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC COULD HAVE CRITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR TURKEY. DEMIREL ALLEGEDLY STATED HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF AN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF TEN MEMBERS--INCLUDING GREECE--CONSULTING ON POLITICAL MATTERS THAT AFFECTED TURKEY. DEMIREL REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE EC MUST TAKE MEASURES TO INSURE THAT TURKEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED ON EQUAL TERMS IN SUCH CASES.

2. DEMIREL'S REMARKS WERE REPORTEDLY MADE DURING THE EC-TURKISH JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE IN ANKARA LAST WEEK. IN ADDITION TO THE COMMENTS CITED ABOVE, DEMIREL ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT GREECE'S APPLICATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP COULD, AS FAR AS TURKEY IS CONCERNED, GIVE RISE TO CRITICALNCCR-CUMSTANCES WITH CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD OUTWEIGH THE ADVANTAGES

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OF THE ASSOCIATION ITSELF. ACCORDINGLY, HE ADDED THAT TURKEY

WOULD CLOSELY OBSERVE THE ENTRY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
THE EC AND GREECE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANKARA'S CONFIRMATION
OR COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT.
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